OBITUARIES

MRS. JAMES W. WILLIAMS

Mrs. James W. Williams, Otelia Isbell Williams, 90, died at her home on Charlton Avenue, Charlottesville, Va., Saturday evening.

Mrs. Williams was a retired school teacher having graduated from Sayette County College in West Virginia. She was a member of the Sayette County West Virginia school system for 36 years. She received her normal certificate from Va. Seminary and College, her A.B. degree in elementary education from West Virginia State College in 1937 the same year that two of her children graduated from this same college.

Born in Appomattox, December 11, 1878, daughter of Lawson and Irene Isbell, widow of James W. Williams.

She is survived by two sons, Lawson E. Williams of Appomattox, Otho and George W. Williams, Institute, W. Va., a daughter, Gladys W. McCoy, Charlottesville, a brother, Sindey Isbell, Pittsburg, Pa., seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Appomattox with burial in Appomattox. Ferguson Funeral Home, Rosehill Drive, Charlottesville, Va., was in charge of arrangements.

JOE CARL GALLIER

Buena Vista — Joe Carl Gallier, 55, died Monday morning at a Charlottesville hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of Annie Paulett Gallier, of Lynchburg, and the late Benjamin W. Gallier.

He was a resident of Buena Vista for 17 years and was employed by the Virginia Department of Highways for 35 years where he was chief engineer of the Virginia Department of Highways for the Lexington Division.

Surviving besides his wife, Dorothy Mae Cunningham Gallier, are one son, Joseph Wayne Gallier, Martinsville; one daughter, Mrs. George Payne, Lynchburg; four brothers, H. W. Gallier, C. W. Gallier, both of Lynchburg; Sterling R. Gallier, Appomattox; Sheldon Gallier; two sisters, Mrs. H. W. Maddox, Lynchburg; Mrs. Samuel Almond, Appomattox; one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Amole Funeral Chapel. Burial took place at the Green Hill Cemetery.

King's Market Open 'Til 9

King's Market, Appomattox has announced new store hours, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. This marks the first time that King's has been open each evening until 9. Double S. & H Green stamps are offered each Tuesday.

Compensation & Pension

"Compensation" and "pension" are two important words for veterans and their dependents. They are often used interchangeably by the public, but to the Veterans Administration their meanings are different.

The Veterans Administration explains that compensation is the payment which the VA makes to a veteran or to the survivor of a veteran because of disability or death which was caused by military service. The payment of compensation may go to a veteran who has been disabled by an injury or disease that originated or was aggravated while he was in active service. In case of death resulting from a service-connected disability, the compensation payments go to the veterans' survivors. When a veteran is receiving compensation payments, the fact that he is employed or has income is normally not a determining factor. Neither is income a factor when a widow or children are receiving service-connected death benefits. In cases involving dependent parents of a deceased veteran there are certain income limits which must be met in order for them to be eligible for death benefits.

Pension is the monthly benefit which is paid for disability or death which is not related to military service. This benefit may be paid to eligible wartime veterans, their widows, or minor children. Veterans under 65 years of age must meet certain disability requirements, while veterans over 65 are presumed to be permanently and totally disabled. All claimants must meet certain income and net worth requirements before pension may be paid by the Veterans Administration.

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Salute To Martin L. "Dooley" Earman

By: Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson

Martin L. Earman

I wonder how many of the Senior Citizens of Appomattox remember "Dooley" Earman. Even though he left our town nearly forty years ago I believe many will recall the part he contributed towards the growth of Appomattox between the years of 1908 and 1929. This story, as told to me recently by our subject, will serve to jog the memory of "We Oldsters" and will be interesting facts for the "Youngsters."

Martin L. Earman and his wife, Elizabeth Bessie Earman, a young and ambitious couple, journed to Appomattox from Loudon County in 1908. Mr. Earman, affectionately known to his friends as "Dooley", was 26 years old and a blooming genius. Fortunately for our Home Town, he scattered some of his blossoms here during his 21 years of residency.

Reading "Land For Sale" advertisements in a Norfolk and Western magazine, he realized that land in this county, (at that time) was 'cheap dirt'. On his arrival here he contacted A. H. Clement, a real estate dealer. After being shown a number of tracts, the Earmans decided the best buy was a 140 acre farm, near Vera, and which was known as The Keys Place. There were three one-room log cabins on this place and one four-room house in which they "set-up house-keeping." The N. & W. ad ran true as to the price: The farm was purchased for $550.00, a little more than $3.00 per acre. I'll bet you "Youngsters" wish you had been living in those days!

Soon after his arrival, Mr. Earman went to The Bank of Appomattox to open an account by depositing a $500.00 check issued to him by a Telephone Company in Loudon County. Mr. Richard Floyd Burke, president of the bank, after scrutinizing the check, inquired of the new comer, "Do you know anything about telephones?"

Mr. Earman, a very modest man, replied – "A little."

Just the cashing of this check, plus the alert Mr. Burke's desire to promote the progress of Appomattox, started the ball to roll towards a bigger, better and more modern town. Quoting Father Darkleaf, "Appomattox is a Growing Town," and we, "The Oldsters" give due credit to Mr. Earman, for giving one of the first hard pushes upgrade! With team work of civic minded citizens we have 'Come a I-o-i-ng way'. At that time "Mud Street" would have been a more appropriate name for our now Main Street as it was almost impassable in bad weather.

At that time there were three telephones in the town, all of which were on the same line with no operator to say, "Number, Please." Each patron was assigned a one, two or three short ring to know when to pick up their receiver. Of course, even in those days, they could listen in on their party line and hear the town news. These three 'phones were located in L. E. Smith's Store, the Bank of Appomattox and the law offices of S. L. Ferguson. These stemmed from a small worn out exchange bought from The Chesapeake & Potomac Company in Lynchburg, and operated by batteries. During the following year a larger exchange was purchased and Appomattox could boast of fifty telephones. Mr. and Mrs. Earman then moved to the old Appomattox Hotel, run by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Clement, in which hotel the central office was located. Mrs. Earman served as operator then and for many years following. Mr. Earman recalled some of the new patrons as being, A. H. Clement, Mrs. Lula Hunter, J. R. Atwood's store and residence, T. W. Moses, H. C. Hancock, C. N. Hancock, A. A. Hancock, W. M. Hancock, Miss Mary Lizzie Paris and the Brick House, the home of S. L. Ferguson. A private line was run to "Eldon", the home of Congressman H. D. Flood.

The Appomattox Telephone was Incorporated with Mr. Flood and Mr. Earman as largest stock holders. Other stock owners were A. H. Clement, L. E. Smith, C. R. Purdum, J. R. Atwood, T. W. Moses, C. W. Hancock, S. L. Ferguson, W. M. Hancock, Robert L. Fitzhugh and others.

Mr. Earman was ably assisted in installation of phones and running lines by Herbert C. Pulliam, Royal Hancock and Yost "Jake" Wright. The rates monthly were $1.00 for private home; $2.00 for a place of business and $1.00 for an extension.

After incorporating, the Company agreed to pay Mr. Earman $50.00 per month and give him living quarters in the hotel. Mrs. Earman was paid $15.00 per month to serve as "central" which was the same as "operator" now. Later the Company realized that they could not afford this "exorbitant" salary. Mr. Earman then made the Company a proposition, namely, he would lease the Company for $50.00 per month, and his offer was accepted. When recalling this change, Mr. Earman grinned and said, "This was a lucky deal as in view of operating this business, I was exempted from World War I."

The Telephone Company was growing rapidly which necessitated a larger exchange office. The business was then moved across the tracks on the upper floor of a Hardware store building then run by Harwood and Hancock. The store was later bought and a grocery store was operated by H. M. Burge. The Earmans lived on the same floor as the telephone office.

On April, 1st. 1920, The Appomattox Telephone Company, Inc., was purchased for the sum of $5,000.00, by Herbert C. Pulliam who owned and efficiently operated same until 1948 when he sold to K. E. Schuler and W. S. Gills. During these 28 years the service was extended miles and miles to every section of the County. Schuler and Gills later sold out to The First Colony Telephone Company. To date this Company given telephone service to 2,294 patrons in Appomattox County, which number does not include the 738 listings in and around Pamplin. This represents a tremendous increase over the THREE telephones here on Mr. Earman's arrival in 1908.

Early on the morning of the purchase of the Company by Mr. Pulliam, he arrived from Washington, D. C., after a five years' absence from Appomattox. Two years of this time was spent in U. S. Army, World War I, and 3 years a Civil Service employee. Herbert's version of acquiring the business is as follows:

"While eating lunch at 'Courtland', Mr. Ferguson asked me if I would like to buy the Appomattox Telephone Company which was to be sold that afternoon at 1:30 in front of the Court House. I told him that I had no way of financing the deal. He assured me that this could be arranged. Much to my surprise, in less than one hour I was owner of the Company. Along with it went a lot of head-aches which could always be eased one way or another, even if I had to resort to a couple of aspirin. But, taking everything in consideration, I can truthfully say that I never regretted this hasty decision."

In the mean time Mr. Earman, being a promoter, had other irons in the fire. In 1913 the Earmans built a home which is now owned by C. Lewis McDearman family. "The Mitchell boys contracted to build the house which cost me $1,600.00" said Mr. Earman.

In the back yard of his home he built a small shop which housed a second hand 15 Horse Power motor which provided the first electric lights in Appomattox County. Acetylene lights were in vogue at that time but were later converted to electricity.

This new venture went over BIG and the requests for installations could not be satisfied by this small motor. The next year a 25 Horse Power was installed. The following year The Appomattox Light and Power Company was organized, a new building was erected on the lot below Mr. Earman's home and a steam unit installed with a 50-100 Horse Power capacity. The new plant and equipment cost $17,000.00. "Even this plant could break down when the Appomattox County Fair was in Forgress," said Mr. Earman.

In connection with this light plant, Mr. Earman operated an ice plant which was another "FIRST" in Appomattox.

The electric light rate at this time was $1.00 per bulb per month. If you had a five room house and a light in each room, the cost would be $5.00. "So many of the patrons did not have their entire house wired, maybe just one or two drop cords," Mr. Earman recalled. In those pioneering days, current was available only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and mid-night. How well do I remember when the lights would blink three times to remind the patrons there was only 15 minutes to close shop or prepare for bed. There was an alternative – kerosene lights or candles'.

This light and ice house combination burned and a new and larger plant was built on the Street back of Mosses Motor Company for a total of $30,000. Walter M. Hancock and Mr. Earman were the principal stock holders.

Mr. Earman recalls wiring the new Appomattox Hotel (the old one having burned on the same sight) for the owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hudson Cheatham. This lovable couple were better known to their friends as "Uncle Hut and Miss Molly." In some peculiar way the plumbing and electric wires crossed up and "Miss Molly" all excited, call Mr. Earman to come AT ONCE as the entire hotel was electrified and that Mrs. Flood, (mother of the late Judge Flood) had been knocked off the commode seat. In recalling this incident, he chuckled and said that Mrs. Cheatham had made all of the guests and servants get out of the hotel, when he arrived there was a 'scared bunch' standing in the front yard, with the exception of Uncle Hut who was enjoying a rocking chair on the front porch. Uncle Hut was very deaf and it may be that he did not understand what was going on or possibly thought that Miss Molly was overly excited.

Another amusing incident in these pioneer days was remembered by Mr. Earman. He said they were wiring the Atwood Home and installing the "finest fixtures" that could be bought at the request of Mrs. Atwood. Jake Wright was working in the attic of the home and had installed a fixture in the center of Mrs. Atwood's bedroom where she was taking a bath. Frightened and embarrassed, she screamed for me and said the Company would have to pay for damages done and she would send me a bill. "I never received the bill," said Mr. Earman. "I was glad of it as there was no insurance then to cover property damage," he added.

In those days BOWLING was the game in vogue and this town boasted of some skilled participants. Mr. Earman was a real "PRO" and it was in a close thriller game that he was tagged with the name "Dooley."

The bowling alley ended in "China Town" on the tracks. There teams to bowl on Friday and Saturday. They were keen on nothing but an excuse could keep them from a contest. Some nights, people had their fun and were there to see on to roll some.

Mr. Earman was a man to roll for his money. Knowing their opponents were thinking they had him as they were down number of tenpins, he with a STRIKE which gave to his fam. T.N.T. an excellent and exceedingly shocked and Earman on the back of "You're the man, "DOOLEY." Dates frames in the hall gives memorable high score name has stuck to subject.

Other avid bowlers W. Hancock, A. H. Tom Hancock, J. W. Cole, E. T. Price, Walter cock and Thomas L. The faithful target was Ned Hancock, Lewis ridge, Red Lawson, Puckett and others.

In 1927 Mr. Earman ed a job in Blackstone as a light plant town had purchased banks-Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. Earman to a new log cabin on U. S. Route 460 This place is dramatically from the new Thomas Jr. They operated a filling and store there until When Route 460 was built they were forced to move back on the hill. Appomattox, Mr. Earman considerable electrical including a bid on a Government Tennessee project.

Mrs. Earman passed June of this year at the man will celebrate his birthday on October, 19 send "Dooley" a card him know that we do not a WONDERFUL SURPRISE I wouldn't swap it for ON THE MOON, WOU

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Parade Day In Appomattox

...ty queens home on vacation! For Carlene Pitsenberger, Miss Appomattox 1967, it's a break between college ...ses for Miss Appomattox 1968, Lina Trent, the Piedmont ...plants' strike gave her an unexpected vacation, so both ...ed on "Old New York" parade. Driver is Miss Marietta Drinkwater. The parade was planned and organized by young people ...the county with Mrs. C. L. McDearman, Jr., as chairman. ...ed posters, banners and the swinging energy of youth ...the parade a nice luncheon "break" for onlookers and parents and friends.

EVERGREEN

...E. Cheatham, Steve ...and Harold Stratton attended a horse show at Harrisonburg, Saturday.

...Joann Young of Lynchburg ...and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. ...and Mrs. Eva Cowhorn ...

...and Mrs. R. M. Burk ...ston, of N. C. visited ...C. Hughes Sunday.

...Sarah Glover is spending time at Arlington, Va. ...C. I. Paulette is with ...Mrs. Alferta C. ...who is ill in the home ...Mrs. A. C. Lerner ...Fillmore St., Lynchburg.

...and Mrs. C. J. Gustafson ...children of Hawthorne, New York, Mrs. W. H. ...and son of Cumberland ...and Mr. Leon Baldwin ...wood, spent last Tuesday ...home of Mr. and ...Odell Wooldridge.

...Annie Bingham visited ...home of Mr. and Mrs. ...Cheatham, last week.

Mrs. Beatrice Garrette is vacationing at Kentucky and Tennessee with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paulette and family.

Mrs. Ella Jennings is spending this week at her home here Mrs. Dan Jennings of Christiansburg, is staying with her.

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Hudson are on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson of Lynchburg were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harvey Sunday.

Miss Lynette Hudson spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keys.

Mrs. Carole B. Bettinger and daughter Champain of Illinois are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bartlett.

Mrs. Herbert Mitchell of Lynchburg spent several days last week in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith and Evelyn.

Date Changed

The Lee Home Demonstration Club will not meet during the month of August. The next meeting will be September 10th.

Appox. & Campbell Allocated Funds

The State Highway Department has authorized the expenditure of $13,700 for safety improvement on heavily -traveled US 460 and Route 297 in Campbell and Appomattox Counties, and local engineers said they planned to do the work with State forces this fall.

Funds for the work were included in the 1969-70 primary system allocations which started becoming available on July 1.

For several years the State Highway Commission has been providing funds in the allocations for spot improvement on the older roads where heavier travel and changing traffic patterns have made improvements necessary.

In Campbell County, left-turn lanes will be provided at nine intersections on Route 297 between Lynchburg and Timberlake where the dividing was completed in 1959. The turning lanes will be at Routes 846, 675, 842, 841, 769, 767, 859, 791 and 716, and will cost $10,500.

Also in Campbell County, on US 460, a left-turn lane will be built near Route 836 west of Concord at a cost of $1,000.

In Appomattox County on US 460, sight distance is to be lengthened by cutting back the bank and clearing trees on a curve at Route 703 west of Appomattox, on the old estbound lane, at a cost of $1,200.

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STONEWALL

My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. Psalms 121:2.

Rev. Marshall Stratton has her brother and family for a visit this week.

Rev. Ben Ames of Richmond preached a fine sermon for us at Hebron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and family, and Mrs. H. B. Jones and family visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler visited his brother Monday. L. B. Wheeler and Miss Kathy Jones went with them home for a weeks visit.

Mr. Eugene Carson, Jr. and daughters of Blacksburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson, Sr.

Mrs. Billy King and boys visited Mrs. Andy Elliott Saturday.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell.

So glad to report Mr. Crawford Davidson is able to walk some.

Mrs. Bill Stratton and daughter of Appomattox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elder of Richmond, Mrs. Mary Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stratton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stratton last Tuesday. How nice for families to get together.

The late J. D. Alvis family will have their annual reunion at the American Legion Hall on August 24.

Mrs. Tilden Lee went to Va. Day at Blacksburg on Thursday.

ROCKS

August 18 - Farmers are busy cutting tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis and Mary Ann moved in their new home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh have returned from their trip through the eastern part of the United States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson returned home Friday from their trip to Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder and family left Tuesday on their vacation.

Mrs. W. R. Moore and Cassie Baldwin left Thursday to attend Virginia Day of the N.E.H.C. at Blacksburg. Mrs. Kate Dinkins of Roanoke accompained them there. They were guests of Mrs. Kate Dinkins and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richardson of Roanoke until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and a few others attended the Woody and Ranson Wedding in Madison Heights Saturday night.

The Mason's had their picnic at Old Rocks Saturday night.

Friends are sorry to hear Gilbert Dinkins and Edgar Jennings are patients in Lynchburg hospital. A speedy recovery is wished them.

Mrs. Annie Paulette have returned home after spending a few days with Mrs. Mildred Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge.

School time is in the air again.

Friends are sorry to hear Rayford Fleshman was hurt in an accident Saturday night. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Louise Roach brought a fine message on "If everybody was like me, what would my church be?" Sunday morning. You missed a lot if you didn't hear this.

The Rocks Home Demonstration Club will hold its family picnic on Saturday August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Rachel Ranson.

Marshall-Caldwell

The 31st Marshall-Caldwell reunion will be held at the Sherwill Community Center August 31st. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. Bring your basket and the drinks will be furnished. Road number is 646.

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